My Dear Sir

Dr Alden, as one of Committee of the clergymen in the Brookfield Asso- wrote me a short time ago, asking me to meet him & others in your town, to day at 11 oclock to confer together about the propriety of calling a convention in relation to Slavery - Will you in my name say to him I fully intended to go - but that such is my health I fear the exposure - For the first time I went out a part of the day yesterday - & in consequence feel very sore in the lungs - I find if I would not be laid up for the winter I must be extremely careful - My health is far enough from being restored

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I hardly know what is the object of the convention contemplated. I suppose to deliberate on the subject of slavery & antislavery.

I am opposed to any such meeting for such such a purpose. I do not believe good would come of it —

1. Because I have lost all confidence in conventions. They are not fair expressions of the opinions of the members. The noisy & obtrusive always prevail — witness the last Temp. convention in Boston

2. I do not believe any public declaration ~~pro~~ of opinions from a body of clergymen would do any good. If favoring antislavery movements ~~they~~ would retard — as I verily believe all abolition movements do retard, the progress of emancipation. I found it the opinion of judicious men at the south that they had put back the cause half a century. If opposed to abolition. then it would

call down a shower of reprehensions from
abolition presses - increase the combustibleness
excitement - & be the occasion of new ~~outrages~~ acts
of outrage - already so alarmingly frequent - I say
this supposing the doings of such a meeting
would have any effect - I believe the true
policy is for every clergyman to labor qui-
etly in his own parish - speak or not - & in
such a manner as his conscience shall dic-
tate & do all he can both by precept &
example to allay the general excitement

Very truly & affy

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Resolved, That in the calling of the ~~calling~~ by this body proposed Convention ~~[illegible]~~ a new organization of Abolitionists is not among the measures contemplated, or to as.

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